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To a Friend in
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A particular Narrative of the whole Proceedings against the *WORCESTER* and her Crew, from her first Arrival in *Leith-Road*, to the 20th of *April 1705*. In which the Secret Intrigues, and Bloody Designs of their Prosecutors are Detected and Expos'd.

Also an Account of the Sudden Death of the Principal Evidence the Day Sentence was past; the Prisoners Behaviour after Condemnation, and their manner of Execution; with Observations and Reflections upon the whole.

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SCOTLAND to a Friend in LONDON.

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Pursuant to the frequent Promises I lately made you, I now at last send a Narrative of the Proceedings against the Ship *Worcester*, and her Crew, &c. —

In the Month of *July* last, the said Ship *Worcester*, after a long successful Voyage to, and from, the *East-Indies*, met with bad Weather on this Coast, and put into *Leith-road*, near *Edinburgh*, where the Captain and Crew believed themselves safe, being at home as it were, under Her Majesty's Protection and Government, and (as they thought) among Christians, and design'd to refresh themselves with fresh Provisions, and other necessaries, before they proceeded to *England*. Captain *Green* the Commander, at several times, invited several Persons of Note on Board, where he entertain'd 'em with all imaginable Civilities and Respect, and perhaps might too freely talk of the success of his Voyage, and value of his Cargo, not dreaming he was encompass'd by such a Number of hungry voracious Wolves. But oh the mighty Force of Indigence! The sight of this Rich Ship and Cargo in their Harbour, valued at 3000000. *l. Scotch* (a Sight! their Eyes, nor the Eyes of their Forefathers had never seen) in all probability so animated their Avarice, that they resolv'd they would never lose this blessed opportunity, but divide the sweet Morcel a-

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mong 'em. Their Mouths water'd so, they could hardly forbear while they fram'd a righteous pretence (according to the old laudable way) which being soon furnish'd with, their next contrivance was to get her safe into their Possession, which they concluded must be by surprize, when they next should be invited on Board, and in the mean time resolv'd to keep a fair Correspondence with 'em. So sily and uprightly were matters carried, that no manner of Umbrage was given, nor the least suspicious word drop'd, well knowing if it should take Air, she might chance to give 'em the Drop; and if she was so minded, that all the Royal Navy of *Scotland* was not able to stop her.

The Hypocritical Plot succeeded to their Wishes, for being soon after entertain'd very handsomly on Board, they in a most grateful manner Read to the Captain and Officers, their Orders for seizing the Ship and Cargo for the use of the *Scotch Indian and African Company*, by way of Reprizal, for a Ship of theirs unjustly seiz'd (as they pretended) by the *English East-India Company*; and for breaking Bulk on their Coast, with several other pretences; and having brought with 'em sufficient force to secure Her, after they had gotten Possession, they oblig'd the Captain and Crew to leave her, and go ashore, and seal'd up the Hatches; and this they did in the Face of the Government, notwithstanding the ill Blood 'twas like to breed between the two Nations; and pretended to Justify themselves by Reason, and keep her by Law.

I'm altogether a Stranger to the Civil Law, therefore can't enter into the Merits of this Cause, but presuming the Law of *Scotland* is founded on Reason, I can't think this Action justifiable by it; for it appears to me highly unreasonable, that the Goods of one Man should be ravish'd from him for the Offence of another; that the Stock of some private Traders in *London* should be seiz'd here, to make satisfaction for an Injury (admitting 'twas so) done 'em by the *English East-India Company*. But supposing this Seizure, by the Law of Nations Just, it ought to bear but an equal Proportion with
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the Injury, and not over Ballance it by Five Sixths of the Value.

Upon Seizing this Ship, Capt. *Green* immediately acquainted the Owners with it, who apply'd themselves to the Queen, to the *English East-India Company*, to the Council and Parliament of *Scotland*, and left no stone unturn'd to get her discharg'd; but finding all means hitherto ineffectual, and that the Seizers were very busie in their high Court of Admiralty, to get her condemn'd as Prize, &c. They were forc'd to begin a very troublesome and expensive suit with 'em here, in order to recover her. And so far was this Seizure from being Lawful or Just, that the *African Company* were not able to Condemn her, or Defend themselves, even here in their own Courts; and about the Middle of *December* last, she was in a very fair way of being clear'd, to the great Mortification of the Prosecuters. But they foreseeing this sometime before, and not being able to let *One Hundred Fifty Thousand Pounds Sterling* slip out of their Fingers, when they had such fast hold, nor to keep it with open Force, prudently made Provision in case of the worst, and happen'd upon a Method that would effectually do the business with a witness, which was only fixing upon her the small Crimes of *Pyracy* and *Murther*.

And here I think it not improper to relate a Passage by the by, that might incline 'em to fix on *Pyracy* and *Murther* as their Crimes. *George Haines*, Servant to Captain *Green*, being altogether on Shore after seizing the Ship, and having little to do, was minded to spend his time in Courting a young Gentlewoman in this Town, Daughter to a Bayliff (an Officer much of the same Nature as a Justice of the Peace,) he soon found means to introduce himself, and having gain'd her Affections, apply'd himself to her Father for his Consent, and told him several fine Stories of his Family, Circumstances, Interest, &c. The Gentleman told him, he would consider his Proposal, and in a little while let him know his Mind; and in the mean time enquir'd of Captain *Green*, Whether what *Haines* had related were true or no? Captain *Green* told him

him plainly, he did not believe any of his Relations were Gentlemen, or in such Circumstances as he represented; and that he was a Servant to him on Board during the whole Voyage. The Bayliff resented much the attempt of *Haines*, and the next time he came to his House, desir'd him to make no further Pretention there; and after he had acquainted him with the Account Captain *Green* had given of him, told him, he did not intend to dispose of his Daughter to such a person. *Haines* incens'd at this, broke out into a violent Passion, which began with a G—d D—m him for a Murthering Dog, has he serv'd me so? And dropt several other suspicious Speeches, which the Bayliff, as a Magistrate, took Notice of, and afterwards the Two Blacks roundly swore too. Thus this impious Wretch was minded to revenge his Disappointment, and Murther so many Men for losing his Mistress, and being balk'd in his Amours: And tho' afterwards he deny'd all with the most bitter Imprecations, yet having got the hint, they were resolv'd to improve it, and at last made a blessed use on't.

And now, Sir, with Indignation, and a just Resentment, I'd have you prepare to behold a Scene of the most complicated Villany, the most Commensurate piece of Baseness known in the Memory of Man, which fills me with horror but to relate. We can only at present have a superficial sight of the Lineaments and visible Deformities of this horrible Monster (hatch'd and nourish'd in darkness) but in time I don't question but Providence will lay it open to the sight of all the World, and we shall view its inward Contexture, the just Demensions of every Member and vast Magnitude of the whole: We shall then see all the hidden Movements, all the secret Springs and Contrivances of this hellish Machination.

The aforesaid Pious Resolution being taken, the next thing was to lay the Scheme regularly, to make the Charge black enough; and to take care of good Hard mouth'd Evidences.

It was not thought Advisable in the Indictment to fix this Piracy and Murther upon any particular Ship or Vessel, because there must then be a great many concurring Circumstances

stances to prove it, besides, 'twas probable at some time or other the Design might be detected by innumerable Accidents; however, the Depositions was so Dexterously and Ambiguously Contriv'd, tho' applicable to any *English* or *Scotch* Ship, yet they seem'd principally to point at Captain *Drummond's* Vessel, and gave many suspicion to believe 'twas She was taken by the *Worcester*; and that he and his Men who were all *Scotch*, were thus Barbarously Murder'd; designing thereby to incense the Mob (who no doubt on't imagin'd, so many of their Friends and Relations were Butcher'd,) and fire the Breasts of all concern'd, nay, the whole Kingdom, with such just Resentments as would almost make it a National Quarrel, which would the more effectually carry on the prosecution, and secure to 'em the possession of her; and the success they had, evinc'd their designs were well laid.

This Captain *Drummond's* Ship was a Sloop call'd the *Speedy Return*, belonging to the *Scotch African and India Company*; who (with the *Content* Brigantine) their whole *East India* Fleet, sail'd from *Leith Road* in *May 1701*. Designing a Trading Voyage to *Maddagascar* and the *Mallabar Coast*, and had not then been once heard of; though since the Arrival of some *English East India* Ships, we are now very well satisfied what is become of her.

They were not so lucky in the choice of Evidences, as they were of their Crime and Vessel: For after several Cautious Attempts and Fetches upon those of the Crew they judg'd most fit to be made such Bloody Tools, finding they could make little of 'em, they contented themselves with some Foolish, Impertinent, and perhaps Drunken Expressions extorted from 'em, which they stretch'd and bandied to serve their Turn, and improv'd at the Tryal to Corroborate the Depositions of their Evidences, which indeed wanted strong support; however Evidences they must have, therefore rather than fail, they contented themselves with a brace of those Left-handed Animals call'd *Negroes*, whom Nature has distinguish'd by their dismal hue from Mankind, as a Mark of their perfidious, fordid

sordid, implacable Tempers, and perverse Inclinations: They seem some degrees below Humanity, a Compound of Man and Beast, and besides Speech, have only the dreggs of the Nature of the former, to distinguish 'em from the latter. Nothing of the bright Image of the great Creator appears in 'em; nothing of the Variety, Justice, Generosity or Humanity of Man, their Mind is always fill'd with Baseness; and 'tis notoriously known they are strongly inclin'd to Mischief, and easily practis'd upon to engage in the most Bloody and Inhumane Villanies, instances of which, History abounds with; of these sort of Creatures 'twas that the Evidences were chosen, how fit let the whole World judge! Wretches that know nothing of the Ties of Blood! who Murder their dearest Friends, and sell their Fathers, Brothers and Sisters for Trifles! Wretches, that when Infants, imbibe such Ridiculous conceits of God and a future State, as can never after be Eradicated; that after 20 years Instruction in the Christian Religion, have such crude confus'd and stupid Notions of it; whither these could be suppos'd to have a lively sense of their Danger in taking such Bloody Oaths, or whither proper persons to be entrusted with the Lives or Deaths of so many Men, and with such a Cargo, let any unprejudic'd Man Judge? Oh, but say some, these Blacks were Christians, and had a knowledge in the great Mysteries of our Holy Religion beyond Expectation. But if many considerable Persons may be believ'd, they were made Christians only to be made Evidences of, which is a most horrid and dismal part of the Tragedy, an Action never known before, to make Disciples of the Meek and Peaceable *Jesus*, on purpose to Embrue their Hands in the Blood of so many Men! This was making a Cloak of Religion with a Witness, debasing of it to the most abominable uses, and making it a Tool to Avarice, Revenge, Injustice and Blood.

They had indeed another Evidence, *May* the Surgeon, who (as Captain *Green* observed in his Dying Speech) humour'd the Malicious Plot more than a Man of Justice could do, however, nothing that he Swore affected their Lives, being
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little but hearsay, and unserviceable, improbable Circumstances, which did the whole an Injury; nor might such a sneak-in Oath so ruffle his Conscience, as to make Life and a Golden Consideration unpleasant to him.

They were likewise somewhat unfortunate in Choice of Malefactors, Captain *Green* being a Man of a very Inoffensive and Regular Life; a Man of good Sense and good Morals, and an Example to the rest of his Profession: Nor did his Religion sit so loose upon him, as to make him and his Company neglect their great Duty of it in their proper seasons. He had always an unspotted Character, and was esteem'd by all that knew him both at home and abroad; and having ran through so great a part of his Life with a fair Reputation, there's few unprejudic'd Persons will be brought to believe, he at such an Age should be principal Actor in so Horrid and Inhumane a Tragedy: No, the observing World has more regard to such a Life, than to a Thousand *Negroes* Depositions, which will brand his Malicious Enemies with Eternal Infamy, and to all posterity give the lye to the whole Prosecution. Several of the Crew were likewise known to be sober, good Men, and all very unlikely Persons to make Pyrates of.

But to return to the Course of the Proceeding; all things being ripen'd to a Head, In *December* last (as before,) just when the Ship was in a fair way to be clear'd, the Monster appear'd openly, and breath'd out against 'em nothing but Vengeance and Death; (though for some weeks before it began to shew its horns to terrifie the Innocent Men, and make 'em by Flight, tacitly confess themselves Guilty, that so it might have devour'd the fair Prize with less trouble; but they, maugre all the Bloody Designs of Men and Devils, like Men of Resolution, were resolv'd to Stand or Fall with their Ship in Defence of their Owners Right) The Blackest Charge perhaps ever known was Swore against 'em, Warrants were immediately Issued out for the Apprehending 'em, and Captain *Green* and most of his Crew was taken and Committed to the *Toll-Booth*. There was indeed some out of Town, who notwithstanding they

heard what had happen'd, and were advis'd by their Friends to fly and secure themselves, (being supported by their Innocency) voluntarily came and surrendred themselves.

From the time of their Commitment to their Tryal was about a Quarter of a Year, during which time they were severally at several times Examined by the Council, &c. and gave a fair and just Account of the Course of the whole Voyage, according to the Journals and Papers seiz'd in the Ship; nor was there the least Incoherence or Contradiction in their separate Answers. There was no means left unattempted to bring some of 'em to Confession (as they call'd it) but neither Assurances of Life, nor Fears of Death, could effect their Resolution, and make 'em own so horrid a Crime which they knew nothing of. The 10th of March then following was appointed for their Tryal, the Charge and Formality of which might very well have been spar'd (where Men were Prosecuted with such Invincible Malice,) and the World would have had a better Opinion of the whole Proceedings; for 'twas impossible for the Prisoners to defend themselves, where they were all esteem'd Criminals, otherwise than by strong convincing proofs, to Invalidate the Depositions of the Witnesses, and though stronger were never brought, nor more Contradictory Evidences given in any Court since that of *Pilates*, all were disregarded.

The Court was open'd with much Solemnity, and crowded with an innumerable Company of Spectators of all sorts; and *Tho. Green* Captain *John Madder* Chief Mate, *John Reynold* Second Mate, *James Sympson* Gunner, *Tho. Lynstead* Assistant to the Supra Cargo, *George Haines* Steward, *Henry Keigle*, *George Glen*, *Alex. Taylor*, *Geo. Kitchen*, *And. Robertson*, *James Brown*, *John Bruckley*, *Sam. Wilcox* and *John Bannatyne* were Indicted for Murder and Piracy Committed on the High Sea, with abundance of tedious Bloody Particulars, &c.

The first, and most Effective Evidence was an India Black call'd *Antonio Ferdinando*, who was Cooks Mate on Board the Ship *Worcester* during her return home, and according to
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Green's dying Speech, was never on Board the Sloop with 'em, nor 48 hours before they left the Coast of *Mallabar*. He Swore through thick and thin, and very roundly fix'd the Piracy and Murther on 'em, which none of the rest did; and because I will not trouble you to consult the Printed Papers, I'll give you an Abstract of his, and the other Evidences Depositions, and shall only take notice of such things in 'em, as appears absurd and very ridiculous.

Depositions of Ant. Ferdinando an Indian Black.

That he is a Christian, that at *Collequilon* on the Coast of *Mallabar*, he came on Board the *Worcester's* Sloop, and Sail'd in her from thence to *Quilon*, thence to *Cochern*, thence to *Callicut*, and thence to *Tilleeterry*: That on the said Coast of *Mallabar*, he saw an Engagement between the Sloop *Worcester*, and a Ship Sail'd by White Men speaking *English*, and with Red, White and Black Colours, such as the *Worcester* had, and carrying about 20 Guns small and great. That Captain *Green*, the Merchant, and Mr. *Loveday*, went on Board the Strangers Ship before the Engagement, and staid the space of a Glass; and then return'd and Man'd the Sloop with about 20 Men, of which was Captain *Green*, Mr. *Loveday*, the Supra Cargo, Mr. *Callaut*, the Carpenter, the Gunner, and that the Sloop had Four Guns and Two Pattereroes, and Mr. *Madder* afterwards came on Board her; That they Engag'd the Strange Ship two days, and on the Third Day the Sloop Boarded her, took up the Crew from under Deck, kill'd 'em with Hatchets, and threw 'em over Board; and that Captain *Green*, *Madder* and *Simpson* help'd to dispatch 'em. That the *Worcester* came up in the Engagement, but can't be positive which day, and fir'd at the Ship, and that he believes the Men kill'd on Board the Ship was about Ten. That there was but few Goods on Board the Ship they took, among which was some *China* Root, all of which was carried on Board the *Worcester*; and that she was Sail'd by some of the *Worcester's* Crew to *Collequilon*, and there sold to a King, whose Servant is *Coga*

Comodo, but can't be positive who they were Sail'd her. That he knows not what Men were kill'd on Board the *Worcester* or her Sloop, but that he was wounded in the Arm, and that Captain *Madder* told him, if ever he told any Body of the Fight, he would kill him and heave him over Board, and that the Coat he now has on was found in the Ship they took; That during the Engagement, *Haines*, *Ballingrine*, *Bruckley*, *Wilcocks*, *Burne*, *Robertson*, *Gleen* and *Taylor*, Eight of the Pannels were on Board the *Worcester*, and that *Keigle*, *Kitchen*, and *Linstead* was on Board the Sloop with Capt. *Green*, *Madder* and *Simpson*, and that *Reynold* was then ashoar: That the said Engagement was between *Tillishery* and *Callicut*, by way of a running fight, about a Month after he went on Board the Sloop. That he can Write the *Mallabar* Character.

Robert Forbes,

Sign'd by,

Capt. George Teaman Sworn Interpreter.

He says, he is a Christian, that is, as Christians go here, and may have a better pretence to Christianity than those that set him to work; That the Ship taken, had about 20 Guns, and that her Men were all kill'd, being about Ten, which is two Guns to a Man: That the Sloop was Man'd with about 20 Men, amongst which was the Captain and all the Officers, whereas their whole Complement, at first, appears to be but 35. some of which the other Witnesses depose was ashoar in this pretended Engagement, and yet that the *Worcester* Fought when she could not have above 10 or 12 Men on Board; besides it seems very unlikely all the Officers should leave her and expose themselves at such a time. That he knows not what Men were kill'd or wounded on Board the *Worcester* or her Sloop, which is strange, since he was on Board the former, and is a tacite proof there was none, and therefore in all probability no Engagement; for had there been any, which there must needs be, in such a Fight where there was so long a Defence made, such a material part of his Evidence would not

not have been omitted. That Captain *Green* and some other Officers, went on Board the Strangers Ship in a peaceable manner (designing thereby no doubt on't, to insinuate they went to view their Strength, Cargo, &c.) and that in about the space of a Glas they return'd, and Mann'd the Sloop, &c. Whereas *Haines* in his Confession (as they call it) after Condemnation, affirms (if there is any manner of regard to be had to such a Wretch) that as soon as the *Worcester* saw the said Ship, she slip'd her Anchors, bore down upon her with a Quarter Wind, and fir'd a sharp Shot at her to bring her too, and that soon after she was Boarded by the Sloop, and her Men were put on Board the Sloop, and what after became of 'em he knew not, without mentioning any thing of Capt. *Green* going on Board, or the Murder of the Men, as before. He adds that the Coat he then wore, was found on Board the Taken Ship, with several other particulars, on purpose to give the better Reputation to the whole. 'Twas much some, piously inclin'd to carry on this good work, did not appear and Iware 'twas a Coat that formerly belong'd to their Husband, Brother, or other Relations, and even then there would have been room left to suspect an Imposture, since Sacred Writ furnishes us with such a Notorious Cheat carried on in this manner; and a great many more substantialer Witnesses than they trickt old *Jacob* with a Coat.

'Twas the Scandalous Depositions of this Evidence that fixt the matter upon these unfortunate Men, and gave their Enemies power to Trick 'em out of their Lives by Law; but Providence, which often interposes in such Monstrous Cares, was pleased to assert the Innocence of these Men, and signify its displeasure against the perfidious Wretch in a very visible and surprising manner; For the very Day the Prisoners received Sentence of Death at this Earthly Bar, he himself received it from Heaven, which Divine Vengeance Executed suddenly upon him, thereby pointing out his Crime by his Punishment; for since by his wicked Accusation, speedy Death was to be inflicted on so many, he himself was justly punish'd by suffering

suffering it first. This was enough to have stop'd the Career of any but Men that in their Hearts deny the Being of a Deity, that cheat themselves and the World with Shams and Cant, and Forms of Godliness, but are strangers to the Power of it.

May the Surgeon was the next Evidence, who did not fail to show his good will to go through stich with the Work.

Depositions of Charles May, Surgeon.

That he went from *England* in the Ship *Worcester*, and was set a shoar at the Landing Place, near *Collequilon* in *India*, to which place he went, and that about a Fourtnight after, he heard Guns fir'd at Sea, and that asking *Coga Comodo*, and *Francisco Olivera* (who were just come from the Landing Place) the meaning of it? they told him the *Worcester* was gone out to Sea, and was Fighting with another Ship. That the next Morning going to the Shore, he saw the *Worcester* lye in her Birth where she lay before, about Four Miles off, with another Vessel at her Stern, and that the *Worcester's* Long-Boat came a shoar the same Morning in great haste, who told him Captain *Madder* had sent them for a Country Boat with Water, they having Spilt and Staved all they had on Board a Busking all Night, and that they had brought a Ship in with 'em. That he made no stay at the shoar, but return'd to *Collequilon*, and that 5 or 6 Days after going on Board the *Worcester*, he saw her Deck lumbred with Bales of Goods, and Five or Six Chests, and that upon asking Mr. *Madder*, What he had got there? he return'd him a Curse, and bid him mind his Plaister Box. That he was afterwards inform'd the Ship at the *Worcesters* Stern, was sold to *Coga Comodo* Merchant at *Quilon*, that the Ship was Sail'd there by part of the *Worcesters* Crew, and that the Linguister told him the said *Coga Comodo* complained he had bought the Ship too dear. That some time after the Sloop came down the Coast, and *Anthony Ferdinando* was sent a shoar to him, being wounded in his Arm, seeming by a Gun-shot,

shot, and that soon after he went on Board the *Worcester*, where he found *Duncan*, *Maccay* and another wounded, and when he ask'd 'em how they came so? *Mr. Madder* forbade his asking questions, or the Patients answering at their Peril. That all this happen'd about *January* or *February*, 1703. and whilst the *Worcester* was going up the *Mallabar* Coast, *Mr. Linstead*, one of the Crew, was set ashore at *Quilon*, about 20 Miles from *Collequilon*, and the shooting he heard, was before the the Ship came back. That whilst he was on Board, the Ship went no further up than *Callicut*; and that when the *Worcester* was going up the Coast of *Mallabar*, he heard the shooting, and when he went on Board her, she sail'd to *Cochin*, from thence to *Callicut*, and came back again the same way; and that when they return'd, they found *Mr. Hammond* and *Mr. Linstead* ashore at *Quilon*. That during the whole time he was in the Ship afterwards, till Her Arrival here, he never heard any of the Crew mention their taking of a Ship, &c.

As to the shooting at sea, his seeing another Ship at the *Worcesters* Stern, the Decks being lumbred with Goods, her Busking all Night and Staving her Water, and all those seemingly black Circumstances mention'd by him and the other Two Witnesses, I shall only insert *verbatim* the following Affidavit made in *London*, which I think sufficiently clears up all.

Affidavit of Captain Stephen Grandell and Mr. Hen. Walter.

Stephen Grandell of *London*, Mariner, Commander of the *Aureng Zeb*, and *Hen. Walter* of *London* Mariner, second Mate of the said Ship, make Oath, that on the 22. day of *April*, 1703. these Deponents arriv'd in the said Ship, on the Coast of *Mallabar*, near the Port of *Anjango*, and that on the 29th day of the said *April*, the Ship *Worcester*, *Thomas Green* Commander, by stress of Weather was drove from the Road of *Quilon*, near to the Road of *Anjango*, where the said Ship *Aureng-Zeb* then was, and that the said Ship *Worcester* did then fire Five Guns as a Salute to the *Aureng Zeb*, who return'd the Salute. That the said

said Ships lay three days at the said place in Company with each other, in which time the Captain, *Supra Cargo*, Officers, and others of the said Ships Company, were several times on Board each others Ships, particularly these Deponents were on Board the said ship *Worcester* during the said time, and Mr. *Madder* the Chief-Mate of the said Ship was then sick in his Cabbin, and that the said Ships supplied each other with Water and other Necessaries, the said Ships saluted each other at several times with several Guns, during the said space of Three days, and likewise at their departure, which was on the third day of *May* then following, the *Aurengzeb* being bound to *Surat*, and the *Worcester* to *Anjango*: That the Deponents in the said Ship, *Aureng-Zeb* proceeded to *Carwarr*, *Onor*, *Mangalor*, thence to *Callicut*, and *Anjango* aforesaid on the *Mallabar Coast*, from which place they departed the fourteenth day of *Feb.* 1703, bound for *England*; and that at all the aforesaid places, these Deponents were on Shoar, and had the Conversation with the Chiefs, and Factors of the *English* Factories and Nation there, where they did never hear of any Robbery, Piracy and Murther committed by any of the said Ship *Worcester's* Company, and do verily believe, that if any such Crime had been committed, these Deponents should have heard thereof; and that the Governour of the *English* Fort at *Anjango*, did declare to these Deponents, that he was concern'd for the said Ship *Worcester*, (She having sprung a Leak) least She should not get safe to *Bengall*, where she was bound to refit for her Voyage to *England*: And the said *Hen. Walter* maketh Oath, that during the time of his being on Board the Ship *Worcester*, when she lay near the Road of *Anjango*, *Charles May*, the Surgeon of the Ship *Worcester*, came on Board her from the Shoar.

*Furat vicesimo sexto die
Martii, 1705. Coram me*

*Steph. Grandell,
Hen. Walter.*

J. Smith.

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'Twas pity this Affidavit could not have been sent here before the Tryal; not that I suppose 'twould have prevented the Prisoners Doom, yet would have then been a brighter proof of the Injustice of the whole Proceedings. The Guns he heard at *Collequilon*, no doubt on't were the Guns mention'd to be fir'd by way of Complement between the Two Ships, and the Ship which Rode near the *Worcester*, or perhaps at her Stern (as he says, to make the matter the more likely) was the *Aureng-Zeb*. The *Worcester* going from her Birth, 'tis plain as above, was by stress of Weather; and 'tis no wonder She wanted Water, and might send her Boat in such haste for it, for all might very easily be suppos'd to be Stav'd. *May* says further, when he came on Board the Ship, upon his asking *Madder* what they had got and were so busie about, the Deck (having several Chests upon it, in all likelihood the necessaries they were going to send to, or had receiv'd from the *Aureng-Zeb*) he return'd him a Curse, &c. And upon this a great deal of stress is laid, tho' I think nothing can be fairly infer'd from it to the Prisoners disadvantage, since *Madder* was always known to be a true Tarr, not blest with an over happy Temper; nor did he care to answer impertinent Questions when he had other Business to mind. I shall only observe further in his Depositions, That it seems very improbable that the *Worcester* knowing what ill Design they were going out upon, where in all likelihood She might meet with Blows, should leave her Surgeon on Shoar, since at such a time certainly She had the most need of him: If they did it because they could not trust him, it appears equally unlikely that they should bring a Ship Piratically taken, into a Port under his Nose, where he must see or hear what was done. As to the hearsays in *India* he mentions, if it is believ'd he maliciously dress'd up the Meeting and Salute of the two Ships above mention'd into such a Monster, there can't be any difficulty in supposing he should stick to throw them in 'em, to equip it compleatly, and make it terrible enough.

Antonio Francisco the other Black comes next, who being very silly, and not so fit to be practic'd upon, had but little to say, which I desire you would compare with the Affidavit above.

Depositions of Antonio Francisco.

That he is a Christian: That upon the Coast of *Mallabar*, while on Board the *Worcester*, he heard Her Shoot off about Six Guns: That about Two Days after he saw some Goods brought on Board, which *Antonio Ferdinando* told him were brought from another Ship the Sloop had taken, and that there was Ten Men kill'd in her when they took her. That he saw a Plaister upon the said *Ferdinando's* Arm, which he said he got by a Shot when in the Sloop, and that he neither saw nor heard of any others that were Wounded: That *Ferdinando* told him as above, on the Coast of *Mallabar*, and forbid him to tell any body of it, and came on Board the *Worcester* as they were going to *Bengall*. That he was Chain'd upon the Fore-Castle about Ten Days before the Shooting happen'd, and continued so for Two Months in all.

Sign'd *Rob. Forbes*

Geo. Teaman, Interpreter.

He say's he heard but Six Guns fir'd, and knew of no Men that were either Kill'd or Wounded; certainly this must be one of the strangest running Fights ever heard of, which lasted Three Days, in which there was but Six Guns fir'd on both sides, and yet a Ship taken of Twenty Guns, and Ten of her Men Kill'd, and that without the loss of one Man Kill'd in the *Worcester*, or her Sloop, and but one Wounded in the Arm. He adds, that he was Chain'd down to the Fore-Castle Two Months, (an Evidence of what a pretty unruly Beast he was on Board) which was enough to fire him with revenge Two Years after; so 'twas no wonder he was a Witness.

As to the Shooting, and the Goods brought from the taken Ship, &c. as well as *May's* Deposition, they perfectly agree with the Affidavit, and hit so right in every part, that a pair
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of Indentures could not fit more exactly ; and upon a critical and careful Examination and Comparifon, it will appear beyond all fufpicion to any unprejudic'd Perfon, that the *Aureng-Zeb* was what they call'd the Taken Ship, and the Salutation the Engagement.

There are fome here, who in the Tryal were very hot, that now Ingenioufly own, the *Aureng-Zeb*, &c. feems to give Ground to the Depofitions of *May* and *An. Francisco* ; but, fay they, *Antonio Ferdinando's* Depofitions are altogether difagreeable, and it was another Ship and Engagement he intended. However, (by the way) admitting this, then 'tis upon his fingle Evidence thofe unhappy Men were Convicted : But it appears plainly from the Time, the Coaft, and the Depofitions of *Francisco*, compar'd with the Affidavit, that this was all the Action that happen'd ; for the faid *Francisco* owns, that about Two Days after he heard the *Worcefter* fire Six Guns, fome Goods were brought on Board her (the neceffaries before mention'd) which *Ferdinando* told him they had out of a Ship they had taken, and that they had Kill'd Ten of her Men (as he mentions in one running Fight) and that he told him this foon after when he came on Board, juft before he left the Coaft of *Mallabar*. For the Murthering of the Men, &c. if the Affidavit is believ'd, and that the Saluting each other, was what his Malice or Grofs Ignorance took for an Engagement, 'tis no wonder fuch Bloody Circumftances fhould be added by that Miferable Wretch or his Advifers to blacken the Matter. But to return again to the Prifoner at the Barr.

There was feveral Perfons Depos'd in Court, as *Mackenzie*, *Wood*, &c. that they heard feveral black, fufpicious Speeches uttered by *Haines* (one of the *Worcefter's* Crew) before they were Seiz'd. *Brown* and *Hodge* Depos'd likewise, that fome of the Seiz'd Goods on Board Her was not Markt, nor Regularly Stow'd ; all of which were receiv'd as concurring Prefumptions, and Corroborating Circumftances, to prove the PyracY and Murther on 'em ; but thefe being fo very Feeble and Scandalous, and what none of fenfe here lay much ftrefs upon, I

don't think it worth while to take notice of 'em, or so much as repeat 'em.

The Prisoners who saw long before, which way the Currant was like to run, yet that all the World might see with what Justice they were us'd in their Tryal, made use of Two Learned Advocates who were able to set their Case in its true light, and detect the Intrigues of their Enemies, which they did to Admiration. They made a very good defence, and such a number of Contradictions and Improbabilities they muster'd up in all the Depositions, as was enough to Invalidate 'em, had they been Ten Times Stronger, and satisfy all their unconcern'd Spectators in their Innocency. They observ'd to the Court (besides what I have hinted at) that according to *Francisco*, *Antonio Ferdinando* did not Sail in the *Worcester*, or her Sloop, till May 1703. (as he himself by Circumstances owns, and says the Engagement was a Month after he came on Board, which must then be in June) whereas *May* depos'd it was in Jan. or Feb. That *Ferdinando* Depos'd the Taken Ship was Sail'd by the *Worcesters* Men to *Collequilon*, and there Sold; and *May*, that She was Sold at *Quilon*, which is above 20 Miles distant: That *Francisco* said there was none but *Ferdinando* wounded in the Arm; whereas *May* depos'd there was Two besides him wounded. That *Ferdinando* Depos'd *Linstead* was on Board the Sloop with Captain *Green* and *Madder* during the Fight; *May*, That he was left ashoar at *Quilon* before it happen'd, where he was afterwards taken in: That *Ferdinando* Depos'd the Engagement was between *Tillechery* and *Callicut*; and *May* says, when he heard the Guns he was at *Colliquilon*, which could not be less than 150 Miles off: That *May* Depos'd he never heard any of the *Worcesters* Crew talk of the said Ship or Engagement while he was in her afterwards, which in probability he would have done, had there been any such thing, either when some were in Drink, or upon any Quarrel or Passion that happen'd. They further Observ'd to the Court, that for a Captain and Crew to Turn Pyrates upon the Owners Account, (which 'twas plain they must do, if any such Engagement happen'd,

pen'd, since they return'd again with the Ship and Cargo) was so preposterous an Action, as no instance could Parralel, nor could not be thought to be committed by Men that had not abandon'd Common Sense as well as Humanity. That it was equally ridiculous to believe, if they had taken *Drummond's* Ship they should have touch'd here, where some of the Crew might be under such Temptations to make Discovery, or something happen which might expose their Barbarity. That *Scotland* certainly (if so) would have been one of the last places they should ever have seen, and that notwithstanding the stress of Weather, (being conscious of their Guilt) they should sooner have sunk themselves, or leave themselves to the mercy of the Sea, rather than have put in here, &c. All this, and a great deal more was disregarded, and they were over-rul'd, publickly silenc'd in Court, and soon convinc'd, that all their Defences signified no more than that of the Lamb in the Fable against the Charge of the Wolf for fouling his Water, when it drank below him in a running Stream; and on the 14th of *March* were all found Guilty of Robbery and Piracy, except *Reynolds* who (to make a shew of exact Justice, they acquitted) as being ashore during the Action.

The Business being thus far safely carried on, they were resolv'd to go a Step further, and would fain have shifted off the Guilt of their Blood upon themselves, by extorting from 'em an Acknowledgment of the Crimes they were found guilty off, which would clear the Justice of the Nation, Justifie the Violence of the Prosecution, and remove that Odium they fear'd the World would fix upon the whole Proceedings. They were sensible, now was the Critical time to effect this, when Death star'd 'em in the Face; now when they stood upon the Confines of Eternity, was the only time to Work on their Hopes and Fears, and that such an Acknowledgment before Sentence (however procur'd) must be allow'd good. They gave 'em a considerable time before they were Condemn'd, that they might if possible, carry their Point, and in that Interval vigorously attack'd 'em with all the Force of Art and Insinuation.

on, with the irresistable Motives of assurances of Life (which at that time would make a strong impression upon the strongest Virtue, and force a Man to do almost any thing) but after all possible application, they Manfully asserted their Innocency, and choose rather the Fatal Sentence, than by so base a shift to save their Lives.

About the 20th of *March* (as I take it) they were again brought to Court, and Sentence was pass'd upon 'em as followeth: *Green, Madder, Sympson, Keigle and Haines* to be Hang'd on *Wednesday, April 4th.* *Taylor, Glenn, Kitchen and Robertson,* on *Wednesday, April 11th.* and *Brown, Bruckley, Wilcocks, Bannatyne and Linstead,* on *Wednesday, April 18th.*

I cannot but here take notice (tho' with much concern) that upon the Condemnation of these unhappy Men, there seem'd a Universal Joy in and about this City; nor was the News of the Battle of *Hockstet* more gratefully receiv'd; it was the only Discourse for some Days, and every Man thought himself nearly concern'd in it; and some could not forbear in Words, openly to express their Brutal Joy: Now, said they, we'll *Darien* 'em: By this they shall see we'll do our selves Justice, &c.

As for the Prisoners, never was poor dying Wretches so Blacken'd or Barbarously Treated in Common Conversation; 'twas an unpardonable Crime to forbear reviling of 'em; and so great was their Revenge, that it reach'd even to their Advocates (who only did their Duty faithfully, and expos'd themselves to the Malice of a whole Kingdom, in Defence of poor abus'd Strangers) and so violent was the Torrent of their Fury, that one of 'em was forc'd to withdraw himself into the Country for fear of being *De Witted.*

After Sentence, the Prisoners desired not to be disturb'd in their Dying Moments, that they might improve 'em to the best Advantage; but now they were not only insulted with the most opprobrious Language by such as could get to 'em, but continually worried by the Religious Kirk Party. The most dismal Threatnings was denounc'd against 'em, and nothing but Gods Wrath and Eternal Torments in all its Horrors, was
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to be their Portion, if they died Obdurate (as they call'd it) that is, without owning themselves Guilty; and all this deliver'd with that Passion, peculiar to that bitter set of Men. Nay, so restless were they (being Conscious of the Blackness of their Proceedings) that even now, after Condemnation, they singled out some they found more terrified by their Cant, and assur'd 'em of Life, if they would Ingeniously Acknowledge the Crimes they were Condemn'd for; which they thought would partly take off the Odium they had fix'd upon themselves (tho' all *Europe* over, the Confession of a dying Man affects no Man's Life, and is no more in the esteem of the Law, than the chattering of a Magpie) and at last work'd so far upon *Haines*, and *Linsley*, that they brought them to own almost what they pleas'd. The former of these, upon their Pardons being granted, found a frightful Narrative of the whole Piracy and Murther upon *Drummond's* Ship, and took care, as near as he could, to keep close with *Ferdinando's* Evidence, only here and there he was out in very material Points, as Men always are that don't relate Matters of Fact. There was a great many bloody Circumstances added to colour the whole, as their manner of Swearing when they commenc'd Pyrates (much like the Ridiculous Ceremonies at making of Witches) which he said was thus: Every one of 'em was let Blood, which they mixed together, and after every Man had drank part, they all swore to Secrecy, &c. with abundance of such stuff. *Linsley*, a Man of better Sense, contented himself with saying as little as possible, which was excusable, he being on shoar in the pretended Engagement, so that most of what he said, consisted in hearsays of the *Indians*, &c. Thus these poor Wretches screen'd themselves from this Fatal Blow, at the expence of Faith and a good Conscience, and to enjoy a troublesome Life, perhaps a few years (without infinite Mercy interposes) bid Adieu to Eternal Happiness, and made themselves Guilty of the Blood of their Friends: But how much better would it have been for 'em to have suffer'd with 'em? How much more Comfort might they have had in the Testimonies of a good Conscience, than

than in the Enjoyment of Life ? and with What Joy might they have fac'd their Fate ?

As soon as their Confessions was made publick, the Gentry as well as the Mobb, was transported with Rage (so well did the Plot of fixing it upon *Drummond's* Ship succeed) and the Prosecutor, were extreemly pleas'd, asgaining their point. Gibbets were erected to Terrifie 'em, and an ample Account of all was Transmitted to *England* ; But Her Majesty and Council, who saw through their Intrigues, first repriev'd 'em all for Eight Days, and afterwards sent back to 'em the Affidavit of *Israel Philpenny* and *Peter Ireland*, Two Persons known to be of *Drummond's* Crew (who were all said-to be Murther'd, but had been taken by the Pyrates of *Madagascar*, and detain'd by them on Board their Ships, and carried to the Island of *Mauritius*, from whence they two made their escape to *England* in the *Raper-Gally*) with several other Papers, and the Ground they had to believe 'em Innocent, and (as is said) the Queen with her own hand desir'd Execution might be further respited, till they heard from above. This very much incensed the whole City (and Kingdom too, as I am inform'd) who upon this occasion opened their Mouths in a very Disrespectful and Impudent Manner.

The Prisoners knowing in whose Hands they were (notwithstanding they knew Her Majesties Gracious Intentions) did not much depend on Life, but prepar'd for their end with great seriousness ; not did the baseness of *Haines*, &c. disturb or move 'em any otherwise than by pity ; and after all the most vigourous Attempts upon 'em, were resolv'd to assert and defend their Innoceny to the last, and not suffer it upon any Terms to be ravish'd from 'em.

The Common people, who for some time past, with rais'd Expectations had waited for the Execution, began to grow very impatient, bitterly inveighing against the Reprieve ; and the Council met on the 11th of *April* in the Morning, to consider wh t was to be done ; which the Mobb perceiving, imagin'd 'twas in order to a further Reprieve or Pardon, immediately
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all Shops was shut up, and the Streets fill'd with Incredible Numbers of Men, Women and Children, calling for Justice upon those *ENGLISH* Murtherers. The Lord Chancellor *Seafeld's* Coach happening to pass by, they stop'd it, broke the Sashes, haul'd him out, and oblig'd him to promise Execution should speedily be done before he could get from 'em. By this a Man may make a Just Estimate of these Peoples Tempers, see what they would be at, and how ripe they are for Action.

According to the Chancellors promise, soon after, on the same Day being *Wednesday*, Captain *Green*, *Madder*, and *Sympton* were brought out, and convey'd to Execution, which was at *Leith-Road* upon the Sands, and all the way was Huzza'd in Triumph as it were, and insulted with the sharpest and most bitter Invectives. Being come to the place of Execution, Good God! what a moving sight was it to see those Men stand upon the very Varge of Life, just launching into Eternity, and at the same time see the whole Multitude transported with Joy! Some with Pleasure asking, Why their Country Men did not come and save them? Others loading 'em with *Scotch* Prayers, told 'em, their Old Master would have 'em immediately; all of which they bore with Invincible Patience, like Innocent Men, *English* Men, and Christians, and made no other returns than by forgiving 'em, and desiring their Charity and Prayers. They behaved themselves with great decency here, and spent most of the time in Prayers, and after having publicly profess'd their Innocency, they were turn'd off, imploring the Mercy of their Redeemer.

Thus fell these Unhappy Men a well pleasing Sacrifice to the Malice of wicked Men, and the Fury of the Mobb, whose only Crime was that they were possess'd of so great a Treasure, and were *English* Men. But God, whose Providence is Inscrutable, tho' for Wise Purposes, he sometimes permits the Innocent to become a Prey to the Wicked, yet seldom suffers their Blood to fall to the Ground unregarded. And may the Designs of those Malicious Contrivers and Mannagers be expos'd to all the World, and themselves made Instances of Publick Justice, that so this Sinful Hypocritical People may

not be all severely scourg'd for it, nor these few Drops of Blood prove a Preludium to a plentiful Shower.

The Prisoners said but little to the Spectators, because they delivered their Minds in Writing, except *Symptom*, who left nothing behind him. Captain *Green's* Speech (being the same you have seen) is one of the best that has been left by a dying Man for many Years, and deserves to be Written in Letters of Gold. There's no Jesuitical Evasions in it, no Enthusiastical Flights, nothing but sound Sense, Piety, Charity, and what admirably well became a Man in his Circumstances, which will for ever be a convincing Evidence of the Injustice of this Nation; I can't forbear repeating some of it.

After he had taken notice of the Crimes he was to Dye for, and appeal'd to all present to Charge Him, or the Crew with any Injustice, since he had liv'd there; he goes on giving an Account of his Faith, his Living and Dying in the Church of *England*, of their manner of Life aboard, their Observance of Religious Duties, and the Sense he had of the impossibility of Salvation, if he dy'd with a Falshood in his Mouth. Then follows ——— Pursuant to which, I in the Presence of Almighty God, declare to you his People, That I am Innocent in Design or Deed, and free from the Crimes for which I am Condemn'd. That to my Knowledge, I never all my Life time wrong'd Man in his Person or Goods, or had Accession thereto. What the Custom of Pyrates is I thank God I know not: But I understand my Accusers and Persecuters will have you to believe, that I think it unnecessary to confess before Men. Take what I say as Good Christians ought to do; if you have no Charity you wrong your selves, and cannot hurt me.

I am told some of my Crew have confess'd the Crimes, and loaded us with Guilt; This is done since Sentence, and in hopes of Saving themselves, which I wish they may do by lawful Means, and not have Accession to the shedding Innocent Blood. I am a Dying, these are still in hopes to Live, chuse you which of us to believe.

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‘ As to the False Witnesses that were admitted against us,
 ‘ what way they have practis’d God knows, and I hope time
 ‘ will bring to light. As to the *Negroes*, this Country knows
 ‘ not their Perfidious and Revengeful Temper, and upon
 ‘ Tryal it will be found that *Anthony Ferdinando* (as he is now
 ‘ call’d) was not in our Company 48 Hours on the Coast of
 ‘ *Mallabar*, but taken in at *Anfange*, immediately before we
 ‘ went to *Bengall*, and that the Sloop was lost Six Weeks be-
 ‘ fore ever we saw his Face. The Surgeon, Mr. *May*’s Depositions
 ‘ are much upon hearsay, tho’ I find he humours the Malicious
 ‘ Plot more than he ought to do, for which I pray God
 ‘ forgive him.

He next tells ’em he could easily have satisfy’d the Court in
 the Presumptions and Proofs brought against him, had he been
 allow’d to prove his Grounds of Exculpation, and had not his
 Defences been repell’d, and that he gave ’em a fair Account of
 his Lading and Cargo, according to his Inventory, and the
 whole Course of his Voyage; that every place he touch’d and
 weigh’d Anchor at, was altogether agreeable to the *SupraCargo*’s
 wirtten Orders pursuant to his Owners Instructions, which
 they seiz’d with his Papers, and adds, ‘ That he would only
 ‘ have the Considering World Examine whither ever a Master
 ‘ of a Ship went a Pyrating for Owners or Freighters, and
 ‘ Return’d to *Europe*, or the Port from whence they came.

He next Vindicates the Honour of one of his Lawyers from
 the Aspersions that he suffer’d, for doing his Duty on his Account,
 and tells ’em this Gentleman told him of this Wicked Report
 Six Weeks before he was Imprison’d, and desir’d him freely to
 confess if he was Guilty, and then goes on: ‘ The
 ‘ Malice of my Enemies must be very great, that they’d have me
 ‘ deny’d Law Defences, and by raising False Reports to Terrifie
 ‘ my Faithful Lawyers from giving me their assistance. I am
 ‘ oblig’d to that Gentleman who has patiently suffer’d Reproach
 ‘ without a Cause for my sake, and has not been fright-
 ‘ ned from his Duty, but Maugre Spite and Calumnies maintain’d
 ‘ the Cause of Innocent Oppress’d Strangers, for which
 ‘ God I hope will reward him.

He then clears himself from the Imputation of Gross Sins (which he thinks many in this Uncharitable Age may cast upon him from his Sufferings; admitting him Innocent as to Py-racy or Murther) and tells 'em, tho' no Man can live free from Sin, which without God's Mercy through Christ, deserves Temporal and Eternal Death; and tho' Sea-faring Men cannot do all the Great Duties of Religion, so regularly as Men may in a Private Capacity, yet that he has always had a very great Reverence for 'em, and been kept from all Unnatural Sins that deserv'd Death or Shame by the Law of Man; and in the Words of our Saviour, asks 'em, *Were those persons on whom the tower of Siloam fell, greater sinners than you are?*

And after he had express'd his Sense of the Hand of God in all his Sufferings, and with resignation submitted himself to his Pleasure, he returns him his Thanks for giving him time to dye deliberately, and prepare for his End, and an Opportunity in some Measure of following his Blessed Saviour at his Death by dying Innocently, tho' he could not imitate him in his Life.

And then concludes all in these Words, ' Rest satisfied and assur'd, That e'er long you shall know the mistake this Nation has run into in our Case, when the Truth will not help us, &c.

And thus, as in the whole Course of his Life, he was ever remarkable for his sweet Temper and Good Humour, he like a Lamb meekly lays it down, and submits to his Fate. Certainly this Man deserves the highest Charity! a Man that has been well Educated, Liv'd all along an unblamable Life, a Member of the Church of *England*, knew well the Danger of dying with any Sins unrepented of and unconfes'd, and dyes owning his firm belief of a future State, and in the Faith of that Church which allows no mental Reservations, no Equivocations. For this Man to dye denying these Crimes he is charg'd with, in as plain Words as Matter could be couch'd, certainly the unconcern'd World must believe him Innocent, and will have more regard to this Speech, than to the Depositions or Extorted Confessions, of a Million of *Negroes*, or dying Criminals.

Mr. Madder

Mr. *Madder* likewise in his Paper, utterly denies the Crimes laid to his Charge, solemnly appealing to God, before whom he was just going to appear, to Witness what he say'd.

Notwithstanding all the Evidences before given of these Mens Innocency, and these Remarkable Dying Speeches, there are daily Scandalous Reflections and Insinuations Publish'd in Print, to take of all the Impressions their Christian behaviour may make upon People Minds. Their Memory is daily blacken'd with the most Bitter and Scandalous Reproaches; and they are Charg'd with the Crimes of Swearing and Drinking, which all about know to be Notoriously False, nay, to Transmit the Scandal to Posterity, there is an Army of Mercenary Pens at Work to Blacken 'em, and swarms of the most Virulent Pamphlets in Embrio, some of which I hear will shortly begin to peep abroad.

There are others that make a mighty Bustle about Captain *Green's* Speech, and say he Dyed very Wickedly, (admitting him Innocent of the said Crimes) in leaving That as his Speech, which was Compos'd by Another. The Grounds they have for this is the Correctness of it, and the *Scotch* Law Terms and Ideom throughout the whole. But since all that knew Captain *Green*, believ'd him a Man able to Compose that Speech, and I can't see why they should not rather think a *Scotch* Man might only make some little Alterations in the Style, to render it perfectly Intelligible here. But supposing 'twas made by his Advocate (as is commonly given out) his approving it, and delivering it as his own Sense and Dying Words, made it as virtually his own, as if he had Compos'd it. This Foolish Cavil with a great many others, are only the Effects of their Malice; They would not have the World believe a Man whom they have so Barbarously used, was possessor of so much Sense and Christianity as this speaks him to be. But this is only like a Dogs Snarling at, and Biting the Stone that's threw at him in a Man's just Defence.

These Men being thus Sacrific'd, the violent Flame among this Furious People began to abate, however, 'twas not thought proper

per to let it quite be Extinguish'd ; therefore the Monstrous Stories of *Haines*, was from time to time Publish'd to keep it alive, which now they could get from him at Pleasure ; for being once Entred, he can never now Retreat, but must go on to the End of the Chapter. But notwithstanding all that he, or *Linstead* can say, they have the Fate to be disbelieved, and Contemned by the most sober Thinking Men here ; nay, even those of the greatest heat, now begin to say, if they be Innocent, this Kingdom is not to blame, since they have Proceeded according to Evidence, and the Strict Rules of Justice, and they may thank some among themselves for all that's befallen 'em : But let any Man Reflect upon what I have said of the Tryal, and then think, whether it was not the Duty of the Court to have Clear'd 'em, or this Government to have respited Execution, especially when Her Majesty desir'd it, who could be only mov'd thereto by good Reasons and a Regard to Justice. But the Prosecutors in all their Proceedings in this Matter, pursued Closely the Maxims of their Brethren the *Turks* ; who had rather Murther Two Innocent Men, than let One that's Guilty escape.

The Council since, have thought fit to Reprieve the rest of these unhappy Men from time to time, tho' they have the same or stronger Reasons (if they believe *Haines*) to Execute 'em now, than they had to dispatch Captain *Green*, &c. nor does any think it out of Respect to Her Majesty, since they have already so publickly Disobey'd Her. And though I am assur'd there's no more of 'em will Dye on this Account, yet these People will never fairly own 'em Innocent ; no it will be the last thing this Stubborn, Haughty, Furious Nation will do, publickly to acknowledge this Wickedness ; however, now the first End of siezing the Ship is Answered, they fancy themselves pretty even with the *English*.

We have for a considerable time expected the Tryal, which 'tis said the Council have Order'd to be Printed, but I have Offer'd several that were positive of it, if they'd give me Ten Guineas now, I'd give 'em One Hundred when ever the true Geniune

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Trial was Publish'd, which they did not think fit to accept: No, that will never bear Reading, such Works of Darkneſs will never indure the Light.

The Priſoners now under Sentence behave themſelves Devoutly, and ſeem willing to Dye, and when ever they hear of the Acknowledgment of *Haines*, &c. they expreſs their deteſtation of it, though they Treat him with Pity and freely forgive him. They are all perſwaded whither they Live or Dye, not a Soul in this Kingdom but in time will be convinc'd of their Innocency, and perfectly underſtand the black wicked Deſigns of their Enemies. And indeed ſo ſtrong and clear are the Evidences of it, ſince the Arrival of thoſe *East India Ships* in *England*, that there's hardly any that believes there's any thing in the Murder of *Drummond* and his Crew, and only the moſt violent thinks there was any PyracY committed at all. What weighs moſt is, that the Subſtance of the Affidavit made at *Portſmouth* by Two of *Drummond's* Crew, was by them related to the Captain of the *Raper* Gally, (in which they came home,) when he took 'em in at the Iſland of *Mauritius*, and to all Her Crew at ſeveral times ſince, before they could poſſibly know any thing of Captain *Greens* Caſe.

I cannot omit adding the ſenſe ſome have of this Black Proſecution. They ſtick not to ſay, though there might be Avarice in Siezing the *Worceſter*, yet that the Principle Deſign was to cauſe a Rupture with *England*; and ſince Her Majeſty and Government, was not pleas'd to take much notice of it, they were reſolv'd to go a Step further, in Charging ſo many *Engliſh* Men with ſuch Baſe Unlikely Crimes, thinking by force, their Country Men would have attempted reſcuing 'em, but ſince the Executing thoſe Three don't do, they'l go through Stitch with the reſt, in hopes that may. I hope theres little in this Conjecture, and pray in your next, let me know what the Opinion at *London* is of it.

Thus, Sir, I have run through this Tragical Relation, and am glad I am at laſt got to the End, fearing by giving ſo particula an Account of ſome Circumſtances, I have kept you too long in the
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...if I have, I don't doubt your Pardon,
since you know my Intent in it; and certain I am, if I had ta-
ken notice of every thing that had appear'd considerable, I
had swell'd this Letter into a Volume, and made the Prosecu-
ters appear rather Fiends than Humane Creatures. I hope the
Owners of the *Worcester* will take Care of the Families
of those unhappy Men, who Dy'd Martyrs to their Inte-
rest; and shall conclude, by beseeching God, who does not suf-
fer a Sparrow to Perish without Regard, that he will bring
the Wicked Contrivers of their Deaths to Exemplary Punish-
ment. Sir, I beg you'd please to inform me in your next, what
the Common Opinion in *England* of this whole matter is, and
send me all the Papers that has lately appear'd in Print relating
to it, and assure yourself, as soon as I hear any thing further,
you may expect a particular Account of it, From

S I R, &c.

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